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COMMEMORATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN 1995

Note by the President of the General Assembly

I wish to propose, pursuant to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the forty-sixth session of an additional item, entitled: "Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations in 1995".

An explanatory memorandum is herewith submitted in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

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Explanatory memorandum

1. The year 1995 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. It will be recalled that the Charter was signed at San Francisco on 26 June 1945 and came into force on 24 October 1945.

2. On the occasion of the tenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth and fortieth anniversaries of the United Nations, the General Assembly decided to undertake commemorative activities and to encourage Member States and other organizations to do likewise at the national and local levels.

3. At previous sessions, the General Assembly established preparatory committees, composed of members appointed by the President of the Assembly on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, for the purpose of drawing up and coordinating plans for the anniversary, organizing suitable activities and considering proposals and suggestions for increasing the effectiveness of the United Nations.

4. It is appropriate and timely that the occasion for the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995 should be used not only to review the performance of the Organization over the past half century but, above all, to encourage a rededication of Member States to the principles and purposes of the Charter, to promote interest and support for the Organization and to reinvigorate international cooperation in all fields of human endeavour.

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DRAFT DECISION

Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations in 1995

The General Assembly:

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Letter dated 13 December 1991 from the representatives of Australia, Belize, Botswana, China, Ecuador, France, Guinea, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Oman, Poland, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Ukraine, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America and Zaire to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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